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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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SETTING UP OF OIL REFINERIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of refineries in operation presently in the country;

(b) whether the Government are contemplating to set up some more refineries in other places of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not , the reasons therefore; and

(e) the quantity of products being refined in a month by the refineries operating presently in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) : 17 refineries in Public Sector and 2 refineries in Private Sector are presently operating in the country.

(b) to (d) : The refinery sector was delicensed in June, 1998. Since then, a refinery can be set up anywhere in India by Private or Public Sector Enterprise depending on the promoters' assessment of its viability. It is not the Central Government, but Public and Private Sector Enterprises who consider proposals for setting up refineries. The following three Public Sector Undertakings have proposed to set up new refineries :

Company	Refinery	Capacity (MMTPA)
IOCL	Paradip (Orissa)	15.00
HPCL	Bhatinda (Punjab)	9.00
BPCL	Bina (MP)	6.00

Million metric tonnes per annum

(e) : The average monthly crude oil processed and products produced by the existing refineries during April to September, 2007 were 12.5 million metric tonnes (MMT) and 11.9 MMT respectively.